grievance but the only concrete instance given was of an elderly Muhammadan trader living in Puttur town. Several licensees brought petitions on the jamabandi days; each petition was dealt with on its merits; but the licences of headmen were renewed whenever they made representations.

"The District Magistrate says that during the year 1933, 963 applications for licences were entertained in his office of which 652 were granted."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I ask whether the Government consider that it is proper to cancel such a large number of licences as 273 for the mere reason that ammunition was not purchased during the year?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"It is a matter of opinion."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Are the Government aware that a big landholder was refused licence for the possession of a gun on the mere ground that he had not been purchasing ammunition?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"I have no information, Sir. If the hon. Member brings any specific case to the notice of the Government, I will consider the matter."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"Could it not be that if ammunition was not purchased during the year, he might have used the ammunition purchased during the previous year?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"It is hypothetical, Sir."

Police

Recruitment of the members of the Depressed Classes to the constabulary of the District Police Force, Tinnevelly and South Arcot.

* 727 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many police constables have been recruited to the Police Force by the District Superintendents of Police of Tinnevelly and South Arcot since January 1933;

(*b*) how many applied for the post of Police constables;

(*c*) how many of the applicants belonged to the depressed classes, and how many belonged to Christians;

(*d*) whether all of them are taken in service, and if any were rejected, why;

(*e*) whether any circular has been issued to the District Superintendents of Police requiring them to liberally recruit men for service in the Police Force from the depressed classes;

(*f*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the circular on the table of the House; and

(*g*) whether the Government have taken steps to see if the circular has been respected by the District Officials in the matter of recruitment?

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A.—(*a*) Forty-two by the District Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly, and

Twenty-nine by the District Superintendent of Police, South Arcot.

(*b*) Tinnevelly 713; South Arcot 894.

(*c*)—

	Tinnevelly.	South Arcot.
Members of the depressed classes ...	66	46
Indian Christians	72	4

(*d*) No; the following who were below the required standard were ejected:—

	Tinnevelly.	South Arcot.
Members of the depressed classes ...	60	37
Indian Christians	57	4

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) A copy [a] of the circular issued by the Inspector-General of Police is appended.

(*g*) The Inspector-General has taken steps which the Government consider adequate, to see that the circular is respected.

Regulation of Betting and Gambling

Alleged gambling in the amusement parks at Mangalore.

* 728 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Police of Mangalore reported to the Collector or to the Government that gambling was going on on a large scale in the amusement parks when Gunboat Jack's American Shows were in Mangalore recently;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Collector of South Kanara refused to give licence or objected to the shows or any of them on the ground that there was gambling on the same;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the local Government have in spite of the objections referred to above granted them the licence; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay copies of the reports of the police officers referred to above and that of the Collector and other correspondence regarding the same on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information as to whether any report was made by the Police to the Collector. No such report has been received by the Government.

(*b*) The Chairman, Municipal Council, and not the Collector, is the licensing authority.

(*c*) The Government have granted no licence.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 587 infra.